**Incentives to Sportsmen**

203. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether in view of the dismal performance of the Indian squad at the recently concluded ASIAD at Seoul, Government propose to provide incentives to encourage sports in rural areas in view of the declining trends in all spheres of games and sports, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The experience gained in the recently held X Asian Games at Seoul underlines the need, *inter alia* of promoting sports in the rural areas. With this aim in view, the scheme of All India Rural Sports Tournaments will be widened at the grass roots, State and National levels so that sports talent available in the rural sector is tapped in an increasing measure for training at the national level. Attractive prizes are given to the winners of these tournaments at national levels and it is hoped that in course of time, the incentives offered will encourage competitive sports in rural areas. Besides the promotion of rural sports through rural sports centres, Nehru Yuva Kendras are expected to further help in the process.

**Amounts earmarked for 'Operation Blackboard'**

204. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount likely to be spent on 'Operation Blackboard' during the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) what allocations, if any, have so far been made for various State Governments; and

(c) what is the period in which the 'Operation Blackboard' is scheduled to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c). Salient features of Operation Blackboard have been given in the Programme of Action which has been laid on the Table of the Sabha. The amount to be spent on it will depend on the result of the survey of existing facilities Implementation of Operation Blackboard will begin in 1986-87 and is proposed to be completed by the end of the Seventh Plan.

**Grant of Selection Grade to Assistant Teachers in MCD**

205. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that lady Assistant teachers in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi who have put in more than 23 years of service have not so far been granted selection grade;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial steps taken to remove discontent among the teachers;

(c) what is the month and year of appointment of the lady teachers who granted selection grade last; and

(d) when the next list of lady teachers for grant of selection grade is likely to be cleared and the month and yare of appointment of the teachers likely to be covered in this list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) In accordance with the extant instructions, 20 per cent of all sanctioned post of teachers which have been in existence for three years or more are converted into Selection Grade posts. Grant of selection grade is not related to length of service but is on the basis of seniority subject to fitness. In view of this Lady Assistant Teachers (General) appointed